

Corps Community Month: *Training. Access. Delivery. Health.*

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During the month of October, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) will celebrate its annual **Corps Community Month**. Now in its fifth year, Corps Community Month will once again increase awareness of primary care careers as well as highlight the NHSC's role in bringing primary health care services to communities that need them the most.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS: Connecting Dedicated Primary Care Providers to the Communities that Need Them

The NHSC is a Federal program that improves access to health care for persons living in communities with a shortage of primary care providers. About one in five people in the U.S. (21 percent) lives in a primary care shortage area, which means they go without essential health services, or they have to travel long distances to see a primary health care provider.

The NHSC offers financial, professional, and educational resources to qualified providers who want to bring their skills where they are needed most. Currently, there are close to 10,000 NHSC doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, mental and behavioral health specialists, and other health providers treating more than 9.5 million people, regardless of their ability to pay, at more than 15,000 NHSC-approved sites throughout the U.S. and its territories.

CORPS COMMUNITY MONTH: Take Action in Your Community

NHSC Providers, Scholars, Sites, Ambassadors, alumni, partners, and staff invite you to plan or join in on Corps Community Month events and activities, such as:

- Hosting a presentation about the NHSC at a local college and/or health professional school,

- Holding a health fair to provide free screenings, flu vaccinations, and/or educational materials, or
- Coordinating a family health walk in your community.

Interested? Here's how to get involved:

- ✓ Visit NHSC.hrsa.gov/CorpsCommunityMonth for activity ideas, an interactive U.S. map with Corps Community Month event details, a customizable flyer to help promote your activity, and other tools and resources.
- ✓ Email us at CorpsCommunityMonth@hrsa.gov with any questions or with details about your Corps Community Month event or activity.
- ✓ Share your plans and connect with fellow members, alumni, and partners by joining the discussion on the NHSC Facebook page, www.facebook.com/NationalHealthServiceCorps.
- ✓ Tweet us at [@NHSCorps](https://twitter.com/NHSCorps) to get involved.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To learn more about the NHSC and the dedicated public health care practitioners who provide service in all 50 states and U.S. territories, visit NHSC.hrsa.gov.

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